

OBSERVATIONS

Grist from the Daily Grind

By C. P. S.

WORLD'S BIGGEST LITTLE NEWSPAPER

It is not known to everybody that Las Vegas has three newspapers. One of them claims the distinction of being the "World's Biggest Little Newspaper."

"Las Vegas Times" is the name of the paper and it is published every Sunday, the school week leaving only Saturday and Sunday for the work of getting out the paper.

The Times is edited and published by two 15-year-old school boys, who are putting a lot of earnest effort and hard work into it.

They have their own little press and type which they bought themselves and they do their own work. The Times consists generally of six pages, six by nine inches in size. The issue of May 8 was quite a notable work dedicated to "Mother's Day" in a bold red ink line across the front page.

The boys have a regular rate of five cents per inch for display advertising and the important thing is that they sell their space. The sheet may not be as large as some newspapers and it may not be perfect in diction or orthography, but it shows evidence of sincerity which some of the great newspapers of the country might well copy.

The Times has its office and "plant" at 115 1/2 South Seventh street, and is inviting the public to visit their new plant which will be open on or about June 1. William E. Stinson is publisher and Charles S. Doherty editor of Las Vegas Times.

"JAFSIE"

We have all wondered how this name "Jafsie" came to be and what, if anything, it means.

The wire last night tells us that "Jafsie" is the phonetic spelling of the initials of Dr. J. P. Condon, a professor who assisted in the negotiations which led Lindbergh to pay \$50,000 to a bunch of crooks for nothing.

"Jafsie" is a queer name, but no more queer than the impulse which led him to pay a fortune of Col. Lindbergh's money to the wrong person.

A GREAT DRIVE

The highway along the west shore of Walker lake, which formerly was crooked and uncertain, is now straight and wide. One can skim the 35 miles along the lake shore from Hawthorne to Schurz in half an hour, whereas it used to take almost an hour by the old road.

When the old highway was built about ten years ago, it was considered quite a marvel of highway engineering, cut, for a considerable distance, out of the solid rock. Its high, winding reaches gave some charming views of the bluest lake in the world and some of the sharp turns at some of the points over the lake were dangerous enough to require slow driving and much caution.

The new road, compared with the old, shows the great advance made in highway engineering. The problems of traffic are now entirely different. Cars are heavier and much more speedy. Curves that were adapted to the speeds of 25 to 35 miles an hour which were customary, must now be flattened to permit of a speed of sixty miles an hour.

We may as well admit it—speeds which only recently seemed foolhardy and dangerous, are now quite customary. And highways are being rebuilt to make such speeds safe.

A CLARK CO. HIGHWAY

In Clark county, between the lower Virgin river, border, south of Bunkerville, and Mesquite, another big job of highway reconstruction is under way, although known to be comparatively few of our people.

The highway department and the government are spending thousands of dollars in cutting the broad, new highway straight through the hills, eliminating curves and grades so that the prevalent high-speed traffic may be safe.

Improved highways made feasible the building of better, more powerful and swifter cars, which in turn are now making necessary wider and straighter highways. One wonders where the game will end.

WOMEN FORM CLUB IN L. V.

Business and professional women of Las Vegas held a meeting last night at 7:45 on the mezzanine of the Apache hotel, for the purpose of organizing a business and professional women's club in this city. More than 35 persons were in attendance, having received an invitation from Marda Elble of the Apache drug store. Arrangements were completed for the organization of the club and a great deal of interest displayed in the proposed visit of the state officers of the organization, scheduled to come here on May 20, including Miss Belle Cobb, president, and Mrs. Alice Melic Andrews, past president, both of Reno.

Details will be completed within the next few days and announcement made of the application for charter and the election of prospective officers. Reno, Elko and Ely are the three Nevada cities having charters at present.

LAS VEGAS WEATHER

May 12—Maximum, 97; minimum, 59.

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, May 12. (U.P.)—Copper, 5 1/2-5 3/4 cents a pound. Lead, 3 cents a pound. Zinc, 2.82 cents a pound. Bar silver, 28.25-28.48 cents an ounce.

LAS VEGAS AGE

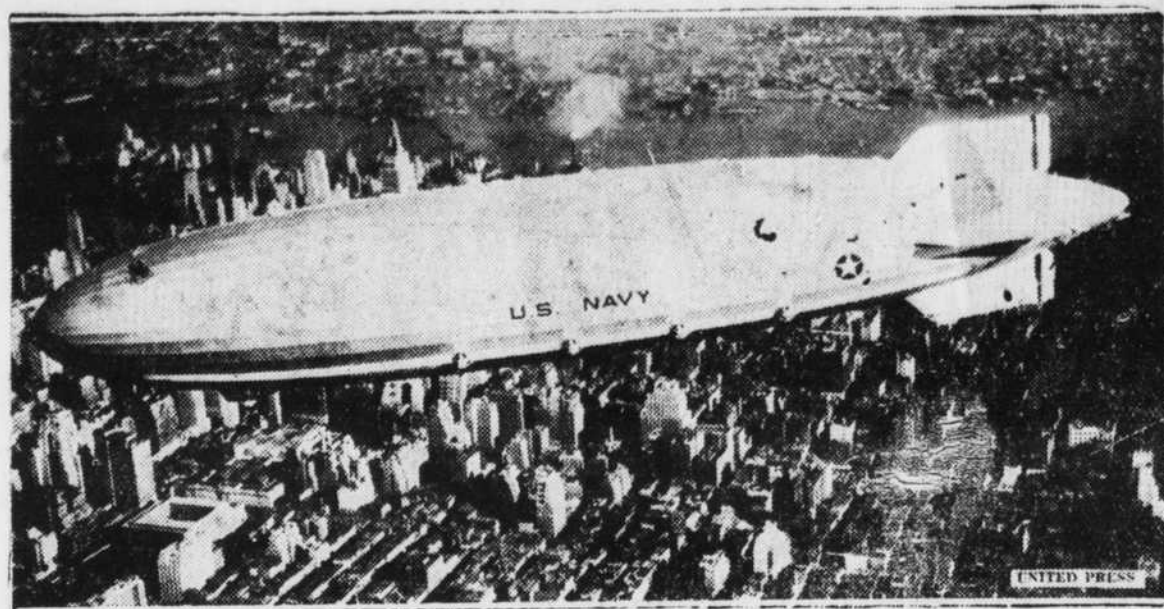
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LINDBERGH BABY IS IDENTIFIED; "JAFSIE" WILL BE QUESTIONED

Akron Fights Fog On Coast



The navy's silver giant of the skies, U. S. S. Akron, now heading up the coast for Sunnyvale, Calif., where it is due to land late today. It is the dirigible's first transcontinental flight since its completion several months ago. The journey was delayed by damage caused in a storm at its Lakehurst, N.J., hangar. Elaborate preparations to receive the Akron were made at the Sunnyvale base.

First Radio Telephone Conversation Held Between Giant Dirigible and Plane

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12. (U.P.)—The dirigible Akron was sighted over the Farallone Islands at 11:30 p. m. (PST) tonight.

LOS ANGELES, May 12. (U.P.)—The first radio telephone conversation ever held between an airplane and a dirigible permitted Los Angeles city officials to exchange pleasantries with Lt. Com. C. E. Rosendahl of the Akron today.

A Western Air Express tri-motored plane, carrying city officials and newspapermen, cruised alongside the Akron while it was over the water six miles off Capistrano beach. Radio contact was made and the commander talked with the men on the airplane.

LOS ANGELES, May 12. (U.P.)—Moving slowly through fog and mist that hid it from view much of the time, the navy's dirigible Akron roared along the California coastline late today, heading for its base at Sunnyvale.

Because of the fog which had rolled inland during the morning, it was believed that Lt. Com. C. E. Rosendahl might pilot the ship over the ocean much of the way north, taking no chances with having to fight clouds over mountains along the coastline.

Aside from the fog, weather conditions were good for the flight, and the crew of the Akron welcomed the comparatively calm air and peaceful procedure after a long and stormy passage to the coast from Lakehurst, N. J., and the disaster that occurred when attempts were made to maneuver the craft at Camp Kearney yesterday.

Shortly before the immense dirigible sailed away from Camp Kearney at 11:40 a. m. today, a naval board of investigation completed a hearing into the deaths of two sailors and the miraculous escape of a third when the trio was jerked aloft during mooring activities yesterday.

Results of the hearing will be sent to Washington.

Nigel M. Fenton, Fresno, Calif., and Robert Edsall, Elkhart, Ind., were the two sailors killed when they fell hundreds of feet after hanging onto a mooring cable while the ship soared into the air.

Charles "Dud" Cowart, 19, of Sand Springs, Okla., saved his life by wrapping the cable around his waist.

Mrs. C. L. Hamilton, chairman of the American Legion and Auxiliary Poppy day committee, announced yesterday that the annual poppy day, scheduled for Saturday, had been postponed indefinitely.

ENGINEER HERE

D. L. MacBeath, engineer for the bureau of public roads, is in Las Vegas making an inspection of federal aid projects in this vicinity.

Beware! It's Friday The 13th So Don't Walk Under Any Stepladders

Friday, the Thirteenth, may be just another day to some people, but it carries the full quota of dread to Joe Kelly, transient and homeless, who shortly after the hour of midnight was lodged in jail for imbibing too freely of canned heat. If the average citizen is noticed dodging ladders, entering upon a marathon with indiscriminate black cats or in an undignified position

REICHERS OFF ON SEA FLIGHT

NEWARK, N. J., Lou Reichers took off from the Newark airport tonight on the first leg of his projected flight to Paris in the monoplane "Liberty."

Reichers departed at 11:07 p. m. using a low-wing Lockheed Sirius monoplane. It is equipped with a 655-horsepower Wright cyclone motor. It carried 470 gallons of gasoline.

The plane has the predominating colors of gold and black, with a sprinkling of red, green and other colors. The tops of the wings and the top of the fuselage are painted in gold, and the lower part of the plane in black, with the other colors used as trim. It is a two-place plane, but the second cockpit was converted into a space for the carrying of an extra supply of gasoline.

The plane has a top speed of 240 miles an hour, and a cruising speed of more than 200 miles an hour. Reichers expects to fly at about 215 miles an hour.

He plans to reach Harbor Grace within five and a half hours after his take-off from here, and to spend about eight hours on the over-water hop.

MASSIE PARTY NEARS HARBOR

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12. (U.P.)—Lieut. and Mrs. Thomas H. Massie and Mrs. Granville R. Fortescue may have to face the minor ordeal of curious stares when the liner Malolo docks from Honolulu tomorrow.

No particular preparations were made for their arrival here and they will mingle with the rest of the passengers streaming down the gangplank.

The trio whose tragic misadventures on the "Isle of Paradise" stirred a political controversy and led to commutation of 10-year prison sentences for two of them on manslaughter charges were anxious to resume their normal lives without more fanfare, dispatches to the United Press from the Malolo said.

Rear Admiral W. C. Cole, commander of the 12th Naval district, declared the navy would make no effort to spirit them from the boat and take them to the seclusion of Yerba Buena island. That expedient was used when Miss Helene Fortescue, a daughter of the eastern society woman, returned from Hawaii several months ago.

WILLIAM LEAVITT HURT IN MISHAP

William Leavitt of Bunkerville, employed on county road construction work, was painfully injured yesterday morning when a cable used on road machinery snapped and struck him in the face and chest. He suffered two broken ribs and a lacerated lip. Fellow workmen rushed the injured man to the Las Vegas hospital where he will be confined for a day or two.

HOOVER PLAN FOR RELIEF IS MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, May 12. (U.P.)—President Hoover late tonight formally made public his unemployment plan designed to increase the borrowing powers of the reconstruction finance corporation up to \$3,000,000,000 for government backing to private construction enterprises.

The President issued a statement outlining his scheme, after a hurried conference tonight with Republican members of the senate banking and currency committee.

He emphasized no government bond issue was contemplated. The President proposed a gigantic financing scheme to give federal backing to private interests in constructing programs which it was felt would be the surest way to create jobs for the largest number of persons.

He stressed that while the finance corporation's borrowing powers would be increased by \$1,500,000,000, it now can borrow up to that amount, on an original capitalization of \$500,000,000. It was "hoped that this further speeding up the economic machine will not involve any such sum."

Under the plan, which would not involve a bond issue as previously anticipated, it was understood would appropriate \$300,000,000 for loans to states for relief, \$400,000,000 for agricultural export corporations, and the rest for self-liquidating construction projects in cities and municipalities.

The President's plan proposed the corporation either underwrite or make loans for income producing and self-sustaining enterprises which will increase employment whether undertaken by public bodies or by private enterprises.

He emphasized the proposal "represents a flow of funds into productive enterprises, which is not taking place today because of abnormal conditions." He said that the loans would "not constitute a charge against the taxpayer or the public credit," which a bond issue would be.

The President spent practically the whole day on the relief problem. He sought to meet the views of Democratic Floor Leader Joseph T. Robinson of Kansas, who proposed a bond issue of \$2,300,000,000 to feed the needy and for construction projects for the jobs.

MOAPA STILL IS DESTROYED

Raiders headed by George W. Brady, deputy prohibition administrator for the state of Nevada, late yesterday afternoon descended upon a brewery near Moapa, arrested C. A. Murphy and destroyed 120 dozen bottles of beer and an unnamed quantity of brew.

Murphy was brought to Las Vegas and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner W. J. Flowers, who set bail at \$1,000.

Earlier in the day the officers destroyed the first wooden whiskey still ever seen in Nevada. A firebox had been dug out of the ground beneath the still, which had a copper bottom. No whiskey was found, although two barrels of mash were nearby. Since no one was in attendance at the still at the time of the raid, ownership could not be established and no arrests were made.

FOUND GUILTY

HONOLULU, U. H., May 12. (U.P.)—A jury that tried Joseph "Blackie" Young on charges of attacking Bernice Lum, 17 year old Chinese girl, tonight found him guilty of first degree rape. The death penalty was not recommended.

DOLLAR "VERY SICK"

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 12. (U.P.)—A wound inflicted while he was fencing with a fellow student proved fatal tonight to Richard A. Ruehle, Chicago student at the University of Illinois.

The regulation foil, which S. A. Glueck, also a sophomore student at the school, wielded broke and the blade penetrated Ruehle's chest, puncturing a large blood vessel in his lung.

Ruehle died before aid could be summoned. His companion was absolved of any blame in the stabbing following a coroner's inquest.

The dead youth was enrolled in the college of engineering. Glueck, also a Chicagoan, is in the college of liberal arts and sciences. Both were members of the university fencing class.

BACK FROM L. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Drew have returned from Los Angeles where they spent several days visiting with relatives.

STORY IS TOLD OF SEARCH FOR LOST BABY

BY H. ALLEN SMITH
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HOPEWELL, N. J., May 12. (U.P.)—Never in the history of America was a private home so quickly and efficiently converted into the directing center of a world-wide search as was Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's Sourland mountain estate on the day after the kidnapping of the famous flier's infant son.

The Lindbergh home—a house of sorrow and courage and determination—was transformed overnight and put on a regular "war basis" for the tragic search. Lindbergh himself, in those days when the search settled down to a grim race against time, set an example of courageous leadership and of unwavering determination which required even stronger nerves than he demonstrated in his trans-Atlantic flight.

After the first hysterical flurry of the kidnapping, the famous flier and his wife, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, were convinced that the search might be a long one, and after a conference with the colonel's close associate, Col. Henry Breckenridge, the military-like organization was installed.

The ramifications of the search spread rapidly into every state, into the international fields—Mexico, Cuba, Canada—and finally to Europe.

To meet the terrific problem caused by the flood of mail, telephone, telegraph and radio messages as well as by the constant arrivals and departures of searchers, Colonel Lindbergh called into conference the New Jersey state police leaders, federal secret service representatives, immigration service police, New York City police, and representatives of police of Newark, Trenton, Patterson, Bayonne, Chicago, Detroit and Boston.

A HEAVY BURDEN

On the night following the kidnapping, Col. Lindbergh told a friend later, there were more than 50 state, municipal and federal detectives and police sleeping on the first floor and in the basement of the house.

A family organization, geared to care only for six or seven persons, was suddenly expanded to care for three score police officials, many more visitors and others involved in the search.

"On the day after the kidnapping, we not only fed all the policemen and others at the house, but served a cold lunch to about 100 newspapermen and photographers," Col. Lindbergh said. "We were glad to do it but our equipment was woefully inadequate at that time."

Arrangements were made with the R. O. T. C. at Princeton university and mattresses were brought to the Lindbergh house. A regular staff of state police was installed on three eight-hour shifts. Food was prepared at the police kitchen at Trenton and carried to the Lindbergh home, where it was warmed up. Later the house was more suitably equipped and the commissary began running smoothly.

FLOOD OF MAIL

Then came the flood of mail and telephone calls. Every letter had to be read carefully and sympathetically. Many hundreds were studied. Every telephone call was given attention. At first Colonel Lindbergh and Col. Breckenridge attempted to handle the telephone calls, but the single circuit to the isolated Lindbergh home was over-

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WOUND INFLECTED WHILE FENCING

Proves Fatal To Eastern Student

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LAS VEGAS MAN DREAMS INFANT HAS BEEN FOUND

Alfred Huddy, of the Post Office Drug company, makes no claim to being psychic nor is he a great believer in mental telepathy, however, he was taking himself to the utmost yesterday to explain a rather strange phenomenon.

Upon arising Thursday morning, he spoke to his wife of a dream he had had. "I thought I saw two men pick up a childish figure," he stated, "then the dream became rather blurred. The next thing I remember was a crowd of people around the body of the baby, that apparently had had its head crushed. I could see the features of Colonel Lindbergh very clearly."

When he came down to the drug store, he told several friends, including Viola Burns, city clerk, of the dream. They stand ready to corroborate his story. When he saw the Age Extra carrying the detailed account of the discovery of the baby's body, he immediately called his wife and asked her what the first thing was that he had said to her yesterday morning.

Without hesitation she replied: "Why you said you dreamed they found the Lindbergh baby and it was dead."

ESCAPES GIVEN PRISON TERM

George Corbin, 19 year old gunman, and Fred Brown, alleged automobile thief, will start for the state prison in Carson City in a day or two to begin serving terms ranging from two to fourteen years for jail breaking, the original charges against them having been dropped by District Attorney Harley A. Harmon.

Both men pleaded guilty to the jail breaking charge when they appeared before Judge William Orr in district court yesterday afternoon. The sentences they received for the jail break escape were equivalent to the ones that would have been meted out had they been convicted of the bandit and car theft charges.

Herbert "Curley" Hayes will have to stand trial for the original charge of criminal assault, filed against him early in April. Mr. Harmon stated yesterday. In the event he should go to trial on the jail break charge, he will face a sentence of from 20 years to life.

TRAFFIC JUMPS ON B. C. ROAD

In the twenty-four hour period between 6 a. m. Wednesday morning until 6 a. m. Thursday morning, 1,683 motor vehicles traversed the Boulder City highway, according to figures made public yesterday by the State highway department.

This figure surpasses Sunday's traffic, when 1,442 cars were checked by the highway department. An ever-increasing volume of vehicles is using the dam project highway.

TEACHER OPENS CLASS EXHIBITS

Miss Gwyn Hartman, teacher of the 2-A1 grammar school class, opened an exhibit in the classroom yesterday of work accomplished by her students during the school year now nearing an end.

The exhibit is open to parents and friends of the youngsters and a large number of visitors were present yesterday.

INQUIRY INTO KIDNAPING LAUNCHED TODAY

HOPEWELL, N. J., May 13. (U.P.)—Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf, superintendent of New Jersey state police, today ordered out 20 additional state troopers to aid in search for the kidnapers and murderers of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

CLOTHING EXAMINED

In an official statement Colonel Schwartzkopf said:

"A preliminary telephone report from the county physician, Dr. Chas. H. Mitchell, indicates that a number of positively identifying characteristics have been discovered in the body found today, which would identify it as being the body of the Lindbergh baby."

Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf, superintendent of New Jersey state police, today ordered out 20 additional state troopers to aid in search for the kidnapers and murderers of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

"The sleeping suit was not on the body, but the two shirts on the body have been positively identified by Miss Gow."

CURTIS CALLED

A news bulletin issued at 1:30 a. m. today by Col. Schwartzkopf added that Dr. J. F. Condon and John Hughes Curtis, who figured as intermediaries in separate dealings with those purporting to be kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby, would appear shortly at police headquarters for questioning.

"Dr. Condon and Mr. Curtis will be at these headquarters in a few minutes for questioning in connection with this case and they will be turned over by the police authorities at this point to the prosecuting authorities this morning," the bulletin said.

This news indicated that the police investigation has begun in earnest, and that every bit of information about Condon or Curtis may have will be obtained.

Dr. Condon, the "Jafsie" whose negotiations in New York led to Col. Lindbergh paying \$50,000 ransom in a hoax, and Curtis, who headed negotiations out of Norfolk confined to a sea search, worked without interference or aid of police.

KEPT SECRET

In the bulletin, Schwartzkopf said that the contents of the ransom note found in the Lindbergh nursery the night the baby was kidnapped could not be disclosed as "the prosecuting authorities have classed it as important evidence and have ordered that it should not be made available to the press."

Physician Dr. Charles H. Mitchell said the body for two hours in a post mortem, removing the scalp and exposing the left side of the skull, which had been badly fractured.

"The death could have been caused by a bullet, by the child having been banged against a tree, hit by an automobile, or hit with a club or other instrument. At any event, the death was caused by a fractured skull. The baby had been dead about 2 months."

"I could not say what day it died because the body has been exposed and deteriorated faster than if it had been in a receptacle."

Orville Wilson, one of the men who found the body of the Lindbergh baby, disclosed tonight in an interview with the United Press the circumstances surrounding the discovery in the woods at Mount Rose hill.

"William Allen who was with me on a truck, went into the woods about 75 feet from the road," Wilson said. "In a minute he came running back, and shouted: 'My God! I think I've found the Lindbergh baby!'"

"I jumped from the truck and leaped over the fence and ran down a little gully and up the side of the hill. There I saw the body. When I saw the body it was lying face downward and badly decomposed. A few curly locks still stuck to the back of the skull. More hair was a couple of feet from the child."

"I turned back and looked at the body. One leg was missing. The flesh had fallen away from the hands."

"It made me feel terrible and sad (Continued on Page Two)